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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the West were slightly lower, but unchanged in the Midwest and East when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment remained mixed, but generally in a range of steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was not up to expectations and usually reported as light to fair for the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to available. In the parts structure, trading was light for weekend business, and usually limited to traders immediate needs. Availability of wings were still in a workable position along with gizzards, although in some locations interest had slowed. All other items were at least adequate to available and competitive priced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Trucks remained short of full trade needs.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 24-OCT-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	60.00-63.00	44.00-74.75	62.53	28
New York	63.00-66.00			
Los Angeles	81.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	72.00-75.00	49.00-77.00	73.57	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
965	70.58-74.75	74.07

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	164.00	1,311
BREASTS - B/S	136.00	5,583
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00	1,380
THIGH MEAT - B/S	132.50	989
LEG QUARTERS	47.50	7,284
WINGS	87.00	2,706

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Offerings were light to moderate and sufficient for the cautious and light trade interest. Demand was noted as under a seasonal trade pattern into all channels, light to fair. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate. Weights mixed. Parts offerings were light to moderate with increased offering noted on leg quarters. Supplies of wings were mixed, in balance to long; breast cuts ample and dark meat available. The market tone was about steady to weak on all parts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Demand was only fair with purchases usually limited to immediate needs and where trucks can be found to make deliveries. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was slow and disappointing as traders purchase product on a as needed basis and continue to watching further market developments. Supplies of wings and giblets were usually clearing, but other items were at least adequate or readily available with price concessions noted to stimulate movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was weak. Offerings easily adequate. Retailer demand moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were available with scattered discounting noted. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to available. Wings were at least sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready to cook whole birds improved for the weekend but was still reported as only about fair. Offerings were adequate to available and at some locations competitively priced. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 76 cents. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and gizzards were in a workable position, but interest had slowed. Balance of items were in a better position but still in a range of adequate to fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	45-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/17/05-10/21/05 (A)
	10/18/04-10/22/04 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/17/05-10/21/05 (A)
	10/18/04-10/22/04 (A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

OCT 20

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 21

OCT 20					OCT 21					WEEKLY	
ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS			WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY				
BREAST - B/S	606	93.00-167.00	95-100	106.08	526	98.00-177.00	100-105	108.75	3,115	108.19	
TENDERLOINS	213	87.00-170.00	-	102.42	171	98.00-175.00	-	102.58	993	107.51	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				112	67.00-80.00	70-74	70.71	483	74.33	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				305	49.98	
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				303	57.46	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	37.00-46.00	41-42	41.52	589	36.00-46.00	40-41	40.57	2,945	42.05	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,150	41.00-48.00	44-45	44.23	960	40.00-48.00	42-44	43.52	5,001	44.48	
WINGS (WHOLE)	363	78.00-85.00	-	82.12	299	78.00-85.00	79-81	80.84	1,559	81.72	
WINGS (CUT)	250	93.00-102.00	95-98	98.82	335	95.00-102.00	97-99	98.57	1,375	98.86	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				87	42.00-71.00	-	44.27	382	47.27	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				58	44.00-70.00	-	46.85	242	51.09	
B/S THIGHS	120	113.00-140.00	-	122.67	TOO FEW TO REPORT				398	122.27	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS											
TRADING FOR OCT 20, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.											

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RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

42.00 - 49.50

45.68

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42.00 - 49.00

44.95

5-DAY AVERAGE

46.02

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly under normal weekend demand but was noted as no better than fair as dealers were cautious and selective. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts remained at least adequate to available. Wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to no better than fair. The market tone continued barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

OCT 20

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	119.11	815,160
TENDERLOINS	110	125.70	203,460
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	76.32	78,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	63.32	96,600
LEGS	58-59	62.23	175,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	46.15	313,600
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	51.59	82,400
THIGHS	53-54	57.80	22,480
B/S THIGHS	119-120	121.41	90,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	87.21	218,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.99	21,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.73	10,602
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.57	15,400

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	118.05	778,880	117.75	3,399,347
TENDERLOINS	110	125.90	156,440	123.76	860,797
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	76.12	67,400	74.15	371,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	60.75	96,120	64.93	465,760
LEGS	58-59	63.49	212,700	62.52	893,020
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	45.80	187,520	46.01	1,182,840
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	48.47	154,360	48.75	510,450
THIGHS	53-54	63.46	48,760	62.19	220,730
B/S THIGHS	117-118	124.70	98,960	122.50	420,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	92.09	218,760	87.87	1,069,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.11	16,880	11.38	88,812
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.02	9,580	52.92	64,056
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.05	19,960	75.46	90,754

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,035	4,091	4,016	4,045	5.39	5.48	4,403	5.40		
Arkansas	5,530	5,439	5,408	5,459	5.30	5.35	6,043	5.39		
Delmarva	2,307	2,310	2,299	2,257	5.77	5.68	2,106	5.73		
KY-LA-TN	2,135	2,209	2,199	2,211	5.24	5.25	2,351	5.11		
Mississippi	2,960	2,730	3,044	2,753	5.74	4.98	3,616	5.79		
North Carolina	2,678	2,508	2,418	2,465	6.74	6.67	2,998	6.57		
Texas	2,541	2,533	2,556	2,540	5.25	5.33	2,589	5.31		
Total	22,186	21,820	21,940	21,929	5.57	5.61	24,106	5.58		
Mon-Fri	110,133(A)						111,064(A)			
Saturday	516	(included in total for date shown)					3,635			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Oct-05 and 22-Oct-05 is estimated to be 33,193,000 head down 8.24 percent from a week ago and down -1.92 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 36,173,000, last year 33,844,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 22-Oct-05 is estimated to be 163,647,000 head down 0.67 percent from a week ago, and up 0.93 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,748,000, last year 162,135,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP			108
HENS OVER 5#			108-112
DUCKS			111-112
			93-95
			95-105
			180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 08-Oct-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. &

Up -----THOUSANDS-----

	24,713	19,658	57,628
Head	24,713	19,658	57,628
Avg Weight	3.77	4.68	6.39
% of total /1	24%	19%	56%

Comparisons

	28,034	15,448	56,672
Last week	28,034	15,448	56,672
Avg Weight	3.87	4.67	6.27
% of total /1	28%	15%	57%

	18,335	17,184	45,156
Same week, yr ago /2	18,335	17,184	45,156
Avg Weight	3.80	4.75	6.34
% of total /1	23%	21%	56%

	1,088,603	890,072	1,984,569
To date/2005	1,088,603	890,072	1,984,569
To date/2004	1,039,467	853,318	1,831,990

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 15-Oct-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	164,748	1,322	1,501	2,823	498
Head	164,748	1,322	1,501	2,823	498
Avg Wt	5.50	3.31	7.98	5.79	6.98
Last week	166,544	1,250	1,445	2,695	518
Same wk yr ago	161,485	1,305	1,522	2,827	470
Avg Wt	5.46	3.34	7.81	5.75	6.76
To-date/2005	6,614,426	59,844	58,095	117,939	20,342
To-date/2004	6,430,183	55,879	55,524	111,403	19,155

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.7 million head, or 4.9 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September 10	152.5	163.1	94%	5.28
17	171.3	164.8	104%	5.33
24	167.4	165.7	101%	5.30
October 1	164.7	165.1	100%	5.35
8	168.6	164.3	103%	5.42
15	166.7	161.8	103%	5.50
Year to date	6694.6	6753.6	99%	
October 22		160.7		
29		162.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	10/22/05	10/15/05	% CHG	10/23/04	% CHG
Broilers	163,647	164,748*	-0.67	162,135*	+0.93
Cattle	621	611	+02	647*	-04
Hogs	2,187	2,127	+03	2,180*	0

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 17-OCT-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	149-153	154-158
MOSTLY		

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST	132-140	133-141
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65.00-79.50	76.00-78.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-88.50	78.00-82.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

	RANGE
12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 17-OCT-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 10-18-05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.35 - 1.40
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.25
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 lbs.	.15 - .20
Red Fowl 5-6 lbs.	.20 - .25
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs.	.30 - .40
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 lbs.	.40 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 lbs.	.30 - .50
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 1.40ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - .60ea.
Banty Roosters	.75 - 1.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .12ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.75 - .80ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 1.75ea.
Geese 9-14 lbs.	.60 - .70
Pigeons	2.85 - 3.00ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.10ea.
Rabbits 4-6 lbs.	.95 - 1.10
Rabbits 6-9 lbs.	.90 - 1.20
Bunnies	1.00 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.60 - 2.00ea.
Goats	30.00 - 31.00ea.
Doves	3.00 - 3.25ea.

Total Coops Sold 435

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for light canners; fair to moderate at best for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND,
CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS	LIGHT
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)	
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-31 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-13	8-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were mostly adequate for the light to moderate demand. Trade sentiment about steady. Processing schedules were full-time for next week.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-11	6-9

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings light.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-OCTOBER-05

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair at best for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were more than sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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